AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on aircraft noise abatement with testimony from representatives of Federal Aviation Administration and Office of Environmental Quality.

FEDERAL BUILDING NAMES—BUILDING PROSPECTUSES

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds held hearings on and approved for full committee action the following bills:

H.R. 2749, to name a portion of the site of the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building in Cleveland, Ohio, the "George Washington Square"; and

H.R. 11303, to designate the "Herman T. Schneebeli Federal Building".

The Subcommittee also approved for full committee action a number of building prospectuses relating to construction, alterations, and lease renewals.

EPA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on the Environment and the Atmosphere concluded hearings on EPA research and development authorization bill for fiscal year 1977 with testimony from Dr. Wilson K. Talley, EPA.

ERDA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development and Demonstration, Fossil Fuels, began markup of ERDA authorization for fiscal year 1977, and will resume on Tuesday, March 2.

ERDA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development and Demonstration concluded hearings on fiscal year 1977 ERDA authorization with testimony from public witnesses.

ROBINSON-PATMAN ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Antitrust and the Robinson-Patman Act continued hearings on recent efforts to amend or repeal the Robinson-Patman Act with testimony from public witnesses.

Joint Committee Meetings

PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee continued hearings on the President's economic report, receiving testi-

mony from Chief Frank Fools Crow, Kyle, South Dakota; Dr. Steven Jonas, State University of New York, Albany; Patrick V. Murphy, Police Foundation; and Leon Keyserling, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, March 4.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and the House-passed versions of H.R. 6516, to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act so as to make it unlawful to discriminate against an applicant on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin and age.

FISHERIES PROTECTION

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 200, to establish, on an interim basis, a 200 mile fisheries management zone off the coasts of the United States, but did not reach final agreement thereon and recessed subject

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 3057-3058; S. Res. 400

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 9721 to provide for increased participation by the United States in the Inter-American Development Bank with amendments (S. Rept. No. 94-673);

S. Res. 104 giving the Select Committee on Small Business legislative jurisdiction over matters concerning small business enterprises for the SBA, with amendments (S. Rept. No. 94-674);

S. Res. 400, to establish a Standing Committee of the Senate on Intelligence Activities, (S. Rept. No. 94-675) (referred to Committee on Rules and Administration).

Bill Referred: H.R. 12122, trust territory of the Pacific, was referred to Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Message From the House: Senate received one message from the House today. Page 4751

Notices of Committee Hearings:

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Measures Passed:

Agricultural census: Senate took from the desk, passed without amendment, and cleared for the White House H.R. 7824, to provide that after the year 1979 a census of agriculture be taken at 5-year intervals during years ending in three and eight.

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Senate took from calendar and agreed to the following resolutions authorizing funds for committee and subcommittee activities for this session of the Congress, as follows:

Aeronautical and Space Sciences: S. Res. 368— \$117,000 (amended);

Agriculture and Forestry: S. Res. 352-\$330,000 (amended);

Committee on Armed Services: S. Res. 387—\$601,-000 (amended);

Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: S. Res. 369-\$860,000 (amended);

Budget: S. Res. 364-\$1,930,000 (amended);

Commerce: S. Res. 374-\$2,360,000 (amended);

District of Columbia: S. Res. 367-\$201,600 (amended);

Finance: S. Res. 349-\$369,100 (amended);

Foreign Relations: S. Res. 371-\$1,150,000 (amended);

Government Operations: S. Res. 363-\$2,800,000 (amended);

Interior and Insular Affairs: S. Res. 360—\$659,900; Labor and Public Welfare: S. Res. 361—\$1,950,000 (amended);

Post Office and Civil Service: S. Res. 365-\$165,000 (amended);

Public Works: S. Res. 354-\$926,700;

Veterans' Affairs: S. Res. 372-\$318,600 (amended); Small Business: S. Res. 362-\$234,000 (amended);

Nutrition and Human Needs: S. Res. 376-\$439,000 (amended);

Aging: S. Res. 373-\$507,000;

Intelligence Activities: S. Res. 377-\$300,000 (amended); and

National Emergencies and Delegated Emergency Powers: S. Res. 370-\$12,500 (amended).

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Oklahoma Senatorial Contest: Senate began consideration of S. Res. 356, relating to the contested 1974 Oklahoma senatorial election involving Senator Bellmon and Representative Edmondson.

Presidential Messages: Senate received three messages from the President as follows:

Transmitting the Sixth Annual Report of the Council on Environmental Quality, referred jointly to Com-

mittees on Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce, Interior and Insular Affairs, and Public Works;

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Transmitting legislative proposals designed to achieve U.S. goals of energy independence, referred jointly to Committees on Armed Services, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Commerce, Finance, Foreign Relations, Interior and Insular Affairs, Joint Atomic Energy, and Public Works; and

Transmitting proposed Financial Assistance for Elementary and Secondary Education Act embodying consolidation of 24 existing programs into 1 block grant, referred to Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

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Presidential Communication: Senate received a communication from the President stating his intention to withdraw designation of Laos as a beneficiary developing country (most favored nations status) for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences referred to Committee on Finance.

Confirmation: Senate confirmed the nomination of Jean McKee, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

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Nominations: Senate received the following nominations:

Frederick Irving, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs;

William L. Fisher, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior;

Francis Hughes, of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force;

Philip Allison Hogue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board;

A list in the Foreign Service; 53 Army in the rank of general; 35 Navy in the rank of admiral;

One Marine Corps in the rank of brigadier general; and

Numerous Coast Guard nominations.

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Adjournment: Senate met at noon and adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Page 4783

Committee Meetings

OZONE REDUCTION EFFECTS

Committees on Aeronautical and Space Sciences: Subcommittee on the Upper Atmosphere held hearings on the effects of reduced ozone in the stratosphere on the Earth's life systems, weather, and climate, receiving testimony from Dr. Robert M. White, Adminsitrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Dr. William H. Klein, Director, Smithsonian Radiation Biology Laboratory, Smithsonian Institution; Dr. H. Guyford Stever, Chairman, Federal Council on Science and Technology; Dr. D. T. Krizek, Plant Physiologist, Plant Physiology Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Department of Agriculture; Dr. Robert Dickinson, National Center for Atmospheric Research, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, associated with the National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Frederick Urbach, Temple University, Philadelphia; Dr. Martin M. Caldwell, Utah State University, Logan; and Dr. Joseph Smagorinsky, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. Res. 366, disapproving the President's proposed deferral of budget authority for Indian health facilities as set forth in his message transmitted on January 23, 1976 (amended to disapprove his proposed deferral of budget authority for Indian health facilities as set forth in his message transmitted on July 25, 1975);

S. Res. 388, disapproving the President's proposed deferral of budget authority for construction grants to public schools in Indian reservation areas as set forth in his message of February 6, 1976;

S. Res. 385, disapproving Presidential deferral of budget authority relating to the Youth Conservation Corps as set forth in his message of February 6, 1976; and

H.J. Res. 811, making supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$33 million for fiscal year 1976 for the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building (with an amendment retitling the position and increasing the annual rate of salary of the Senate Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper).

MILITARY MANPOWER

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel held hearings on U.S. military posture and troop levels in the Pacific, receiving testimony from Adm. Noel Gayler, Commander in Chief, Pacific, Department of the Navy.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MINT FACILITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: On Friday, February 20, committee began hearings on S. 1339 and H.R. 5620, to authorize construction of additional mint facilities at Denver, Colo., receiving testimony from Representative Schroeder, accompanied by Mayor William McNichols and City Councilman William Roberts, both of Denver; Representative Armstrong; David R. Macdonald, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, Operations and Tariff Affairs, accompanied by John Adams and David Gess, both of General Services Administration; and Frank H. MacDonald, Deputy Director, accompanied by Frank Rhea, Project Manager, both of Bureau of the Mint, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL BANK COMMISSION AND NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on S. 2298, to unify the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve Board's supervisory powers and the FDIC into a single regulatory agency, receiving testimony from James E. Smith, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Laurence Connel, Connecticut Bank Commission, Hartford; Richard Francis, Michigan Bank Commission, Lansing; Carol Greenwald, Massachusetts Bank Commission, Boston and John Heimann, New York Bank Commission, New York City. Hearings will continue on Friday, March 19.

Also, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of J. Ralph Stone, of California, to be a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Clausen, testified and answered questions on his own

behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Betty Jo Christian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Interstate Commerce Commissioner, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Tower and Representative Pickle testified and answered questions on her own behalf.

Also, committee began hearings on the nomination of S. John Byington, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, where the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Griffin, testified and answered questions on his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Lynn Jordan, Virginia Citizen's Consumer Council, Springfield, Va.; Carol Foreman, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; and Joan Claybrook, Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT SECURITY ACT

Committee on Commerce: On Friday, February 20, Subcommittee on Foreign Commerce and Tourism concluded hearings on S. 2839, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to collect and, analyze information on foreign investments in the United States and American investments abroad, after receiving testimony from Jacob Clayman, AFL-CIO; David Devlin, representing the Emergency Committee for American Trade; and Alexander Vaglliano, American Bankers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Peggy Musgrave, Northeastern University, Boston.

AUTO BODY PARTS COSTS

Committee on Commerce: Consumer Subcommittee held hearings to determine the reasons for the high cost of parts to repair automobiles involved in accidents, receiving testimony from Owen Johnson, Director, Bureau of Competition, who was accompanied by associates, all of the Federal Trade Commission; Donald McHugh, who was accompanied by his associates of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Washington, D.C.; and Donald A. Randall, Automotive Service Councils, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Monday, March 8.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Committee on Commerce: Surface Transportation Subcommittee concluded hearings on the acquisition by Southern Railroad of Penn Central lines on the Delmarva Peninsula, after receiving testimony from Senator Roth; Representative Bauman; Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman; Secretary of Labor W. Usery, Jr.; Governor Marvin Mandel, of Maryland; Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt, of Delaware: Wayne A. Whitham, Secretary of Transportation and Public Safety, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond; Edwin Hobbs, Delmarva Advisory Council; Grove Miller, Maryland Farm Bureau; Joseph Penuel, Delaware Farm Bureau; Robert Delano, Virginia Farm Bureau; Edward H. Covell, Edward Ralph, and Roy Beauchamps, all representing the Delmarva Poultry Industries; T. Vernon Hansen, National Industrial Traffic League; W. Graham Claytor, Jr., Southern Railway System; C. L. Dennis, Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks; and A. H. Chesser, James E. Burke, and William G. Mahoney, all representing the United Transportation Union.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Finance: On Friday, February 27, committee completed its review of those items in the Presi-

dent's budget for fiscal year 1977 which fall within its legislative jurisdiction, and agreed on recommendations that it will make to the Budget Committee.

PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS BY FOREIGN PERSONS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Finance and Resources began hearings on proposal of the Department of the Treasury to eliminate the 30 percent withholding tax on dividend and interest income received by foreign persons on their portfolio investments in the United States, receiving testimony from Representative Fisher; Charles M. Walker, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Robert Roosa, New York City; Tom Frost, Jr., Frost National Bank, San Antonio; and Peggy Musgrave, Northeastern University, and Hugh Ault, Boston College School of Law, both of Boston;

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GUATEMALA ASSISTANCE AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Friday, February 27, Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance approved for full committee consideration S. 3056, providing emergency relief, rehabilitation, and humanitary assistance to victims of the earthquake in Guatemala;

Also, subcommittee completed its review of those items in the President's budget for fiscal year 1977 concerning U.S. aid programs and agreed on recommendations that it will make to the Budget Committee.

ERDA AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: On Friday, February 20, Subcommittee on Energy Research and Water Resources resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for activities of the Energy Research and Development Administration for fiscal year 1977, receiving testimony from Joseph W. Aidlin, Magma Power Co., Los Angeles; Jack Moore, Southern California Edison, Rosemead, Calif.; Dr. Craig Tedmon Schenectady; Dwain Spencer Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, Calif.; and R. Rhoads Stephenson, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

Hearings will continue tomorrow.

NSF AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Special Subcommittee on the National Science Foundation began hearings on proposed authorizations for fiscal year 1977 for the National Science Foundation, receiving testimony from Dr. H. Guyford Stever, Director, and Dr. Norman Hackerman, Chairman, National Science Board, who were accompanied by several of their associates of the National Science Foundation; and Dr. Margaret Mead, American Museum of Natural History, and Board of the American Association of the Advancement of Science.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, March 3.

EPA BUDGET

Committee on Public Works: Committee continued hearings to review those items in the President's budget for fiscal year 1977 which fall within its legislative jurisdiction, receiving testimony from Russell E. Train, Administrator, who was accompanied by his associates of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Hearings were adjourned subject to call.

FUTURES ANALYSIS/ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Public Works: On Friday, February 20, Panel on Environmental Science and Technology held hearings on the effectiveness and capability of long range forecasting and futures analysis as it pertains to the environment, receiving testimony from Dr. Jay W. Forrester, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Graham T. T. Molitor, General Mills, Inc., and Dr. Gar Alperovitz, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported with an amendment S. Res. 104, giving the Select Committee on Small Business legislative jurisdiction over matters concerning small business enterprises for the SBA; and an original bill reconstituting the Federal Election Commission.

INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Select Committee on Intelligence Activities: On Friday, February 20, Subcommittee on Foreign and Military Intelligence met in closed session on subcommittee business, but made no announcements, and will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 12180–12201 and 12203; 1 private bill, H.R. 12202; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 833 and 844, H. Con. Res. 570, and H. Res. 1059, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 11124, to provide for the safety and effectiveness of medical devices intended for human use; filed on Sunday, February 29 (H. Rept. 94-853);

H.J. Res. 296, authorizing the President to invite the States of the Union and foreign nations to participate in the International Petroleum Exposition to be held at Tulsa, Oklahoma, from May 16, 1976, through May 22, 1976 (H. Rept. 94-854);

S. 1545, to amend the Agriculture Adjustment Act of 1938 with respect to peanuts, amended (H. Rept.

94-855);

H. Res. 1058, disapproving the deferral of certain budget authority relating to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program of the Law Enforcement Administration (H. Rept. 94–856); and

H.R. 12203, making appropriations for foreign assistance for fiscal year 1976 (H. Rept. 94-857). Page 4817

Consent Calendar: On the call of the Consent Calendar, the House passed the following bills:

Sent to the Senate without amendment:

Career appointment status: H.R. 11462, to provide for the acquisition of career status by certain employees of the Federal Government serving under overseas limited appointments.

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Sent to the Senate, amended:

Health benefits: H.R. 11439 to restore eligibility for health benefits coverage to certain individuals whose survivor annuities are restored.

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Late Reports: Committee on Appropriations received permission to file reports by midnight tonight on: a bill making appropriations for foreign assistance for fiscal year 1976; and H. Res. 1058, disapproving the deferral of certain budget authority relating to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program of the Law Enforcement Administration.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Energy: Message urging Congressional action on a comprehensive energy policy and program—referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-385);

Environmental quality: Message transmitting to Congress the Sixth Annual report of the Council on Environmental Quality—referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; and

National Growth and Environment: Message transmitting to Congress the 1976 Report on National Growth and Development—referred to the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the Rules and pass the following:

International petroleum exposition: S.J. Res. 59 (in lieu of H.J. Res. 296), authorizing the President to invite the States of the Union and foreign nations to participate in the International Petroleum Exposition to be held at Tulsa, Okla., from May 16, 1976, through May 22, 1976; clearing the measure for the President.

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New York public employee retirement: H.R. 11700, amended, relating to the application of certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to specified transactions by certain public employee retirement systems created by the State of New York or any of its political subdivisions (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 298 yeas to 45 nays).

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Presidential Message—Education: Read a message from the President proposing "the Financial Assistance for Elementary and Secondary Education Act" which will consolidate 24 existing programs into one block grant—referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94–386).

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Late Report: Committee on Agriculture received permission to file a report by midnight tonight on S. 1545, to amend the Agriculture Adjustment Act of 1938 with respect to peanuts.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS— JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DEFERRALS

Committee on Appropriations: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following measures:

Bill making appropriations for foreign assistance for fiscal year 1976; and

H. Res. 1058, disapproving the deferral of certain budget authority (D76-98) relating to the Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program, proposed in the President's special message of Janu-

ary 23, 1976 (H. Doc. 94-342).

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture held a hearing on Agricultural Research Service.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an executive hearing on research and devel-

opment with testimony from Director of Defense Research and Engineering Malcolm R. Currie.

LABOR-HEW APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor-HEW continued hearing on Department of HEW fiscal year 1977 requests.

On Friday, February 27, the subcommittee continued hearings on the HEW fiscal year 1977 requests.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on Alaska land use; and Bureau of Land Management.

On Friday, February 27, the Subcommittee held a

hearing on Fish and Wildlife Service.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the Congressional Budget Office.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Army program and heard testimony from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Logistics.

PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Public Works held a hearing on Bureau of Reclamation.

STATE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and Judiciary continued hearings on the Department of State.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Highway Safety Administration.

DOD AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Research and Development continued hearings on title II of H.R. 11500, DOD authorization for fiscal year 1977 with testimony from Department of the Army witnesses.

On Friday, February 27, the subcommittee held a hearing on title II of the DOD authorization with testimony from Army witnesses.

DOD AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower continued hearings on H.R. 11500, DOD author-

ization, with testimony from Adm. H. G. Rickover, Director, Nuclear Power Directorate, U.S. Navy.

On Friday, February 27, the Subcommittee continued hearings with testimony from Department of the Navy witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities continued hearings on H.R. 11833, military construction authorization for fiscal year 1977. Testimony was heard from Brig. Gen. William D. Gilbert, U.S. Air Force, and public witnesses.

On Friday, February 27, the subcommittee continued hearings with testimony from Brig. Gen. William D. Gilbert.

On Saturday, February 28, the Subcommittee continued hearings with testimony from James B. Schrepel, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

DOD AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel continued hearings on titles III, IV, V, and VI of H.R. 11500, DOD authorization. Testimony was heard from Department of Defense and U.S. Army witnesses.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: On Friday, February 27, Subcommittee on Investigations continued hearings on Civil Defense with testimony from C. J. Sullivan, Director, Civil Defense Department, Alabama; and Col. William H. Pietsch, Jr., USA, Ret., Reserve Officers Association of the United States.

DOD BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on the Budget: Task Force on National Security continued hearings on the Department of Defense budget request for fiscal year 1977. Testimony was heard from Dr. Clifford Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller's Office).

D.C. MEDICAL AND DENTAL MANPOWER ACT— UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES D.C. MEDICAL AND DENTAL MANPOWER

Committee on the District of Columbia: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

H.R. 12132, to extend as an emergency measure for 1 year the District of Columbia Medical and Dental Manpower Act of 1970; and

H.R. 10826 amended, to amend the act establishing a code of law for the District of Columbia to prohibit the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle obtained under a written rental or other agreement.

FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on House Administration: Continued markup of H.R. 12015, Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1976 and will resume tomorrow.

SALINE WATER CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION—WATER RESOURCES PLANNING ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: On Friday, February 27, Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held a hearing on H.R. 11559, authorizing appropriations for the saline water conversion program for fiscal year 1977; and

H.R. 11876, to amend the Water Resources Planning Act, as Amended, Testimony was heard from representatives of National Water Resources Council; and

Department of Interior.

DOMESTIC NUCLEAR INDUSTRY SAFEGUARDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: On Friday, February 27, Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment continued oversight hearings on safeguards in the domestic nuclear industry. Testimony was heard from representatives of NRC Office of Nuclear Material, Safety and Safeguards; a Safeguards Overview panel; and Transportation panels.

BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING AUTHORIZATION—PROPOSED FOREIGN MILITARY SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Political and Military Affairs met and approved for full committee action H.R. 11926 amended, to amend the Board for International Broadcasting Act of 1973 and to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1977.

The subcommittee also held a hearing on legislation relating to proposed foreign military sales to Saudi Arabia with testimony from Lt. Gen. Howard M. Fish, USAF, Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, DOD. No action was taken on this legislation.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: On Friday, February 27, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from Dr. James Gregory, Chairman, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and representatives of the School Bus Safety Committee, and Child Restraint Committee.

BANKRUPTCY ACT REVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights continued hearings on H.R. 31 and 32 to revise the Bankruptcy Act with testimony from public witnesses.

On Friday February 27 the subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation with testimony from public witnesses.

LEAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime continued hearings on reauthorization of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Testimony was heard from New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne; Richard Harris, director, National Association of State Criminal Justice Planning Administrators; and Philip Elstrom, supervisor, Kane County Board of Supervisors.

On Friday, February 27, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the LEAA reauthorization with testimony from Representative Paul Rosenbaum, Committee on the Judiciary, Michigan State Legislature, and public witnesses.

VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: On Friday, February 27, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice held a hearing on victims of crime legislation. Testimony was heard from Martin Moylan, executive director, Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; Representative Paul Rosenbaum, Michigan State Legislature, and public witnesses.

SEA-GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Oceangraphy began oversight hearings on the Sea Grant College Program Act of 1966, as amended. Testimony was heard from Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator, NOAA; Dr. Robert Abel, Director, National Sea Grant Office, NOAA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARINE PROTECTION, RESEARCH, AND SANCTUARIES ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: On Friday, February 27, Subcommittees on Oceanography and Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment held a joint hearing on H.R. 11505, to amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations to carry out the provisions of such act for fiscal year 1977. Testimony was

heard from representatives of U.S. Coast Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Commerce; and Ocean City, Md., Mayor Delley.

AIR TRANSPORT ECONOMICS

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittees on Investigations and Review and Aviation began joint hearings on air transport economics with testimony from William T. Seawell, chairman of the board, Pan American World Airways.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ERDA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development and Demonstration began markup of the ERDA authorization legislation, and will resume tomorrow.

ERDA BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: On Friday, February 27, Subcommittee on Environment and the Atmosphere met for review of the ERDA budget for fiscal year 1977 dealing with environment and safety.

WAYS AND MEANS MISCELLANY

Committee on Ways and Means: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

H.R. 1142 amended, to provide for a distribution deduction for certain cemetery perpetual care fund trusts;

H.R. 2474 amended, to provide refunds in the case of certain uses of tread rubber;

H.R. 2984 amended, to amend section 4941(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

H.R. 3052 amended, to amend section 512(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the tax treatment of the gain on the lapse of options to buy or sell securities;

H.R. 3055, to amend certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 relating to distilled spirits;

H.R. 3605 (technical amendments) to amend section 5051 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to the Federal excise tax on beer);

H.R. 5071 amended, to amend section 584 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the treatment of affiliated banks for purposes of the common trust fund provisions of such Code; and

H.R. 5161 amended, to provide for a special rule for the inclusion in income of magazine sales for display purposes.